

FACT SHEET



Chemical Commodities, Inc.
Olathe, Kansas

December 2002

SITE UPDATE:

In September and October 2002, EPA Region 7 collected indoor air samples from homes near the CCI site. Sample results show that the contaminated ground water, in the area, may be affecting air quality in certain homes near the site.

EPA is planning to offer ventilation systems to a number of residents around the site. The system will vent the ground water contaminants away from the homes.

EPA is also planning a response action to remove the soil pile and building from the CCI site. The action is expected to begin in the spring of 2003.

BACKGROUND:

The CCI site is listed on EPA's National Priorities List under the Superfund Program. The Superfund Program addresses hazardous waste sites. EPA is currently overseeing a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) at the site. According to the RI results, the ground water is contaminated with volatile organic compounds or VOCs. The VOCs have moved approximately two blocks to the west of the former CCI property.

Meeting Announcements

**Thursday, December 12, 2002 or
Friday, December 13, 2002
4 p.m. - 7 p.m.**

**Center of Grace
520 South Harrison
Olathe, Kansas**

EPA Region 7 invites you to an information session concerning the air systems. Two sessions are scheduled. The same information will be presented at each session, so you only need to attend one.

EPA will make a short presentation at each session. Please attend, at your convenience, Thursday or Friday, between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

If you have questions about the meetings or the site, please contact:

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NEXT STEPS:

The EPA is planning a response action to address air quality in homes that may be affected by the contaminated ground water beneath the homes. The response action may be conducted in phases.

The first phase will consist of

- # offering ventilation systems to certain home owners near the site, and
- # collecting air samples from other homes close to those that receive a ventilation system.

Sampling results will indicate whether more ventilation systems are needed. If so, then a phase two will be conducted to install more systems and collect air samples from other homes. This step-wise approach will be continued until sampling results indicate that indoor air quality is not being affected by the ground water.

Most homes in the area are built on crawl space foundations. The ventilation systems would be installed in the crawl space areas. More details about the ventilation systems will be provided at the availability sessions. All home owners in the area are encouraged to attend.

The ventilation systems can not be installed without the home owner's written consent. EPA is working to identify rental properties in the affected area in order to invite the property owners to the availability sessions. EPA asks that if you rent your home, please notify your landlord of the availability sessions.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Please visit the following information repositories, during normal business hours, for detailed information about the Chemical Commodities, Inc. site.

Olathe Public Library
201 E. Park
Olathe, Kansas

EPA Region 7 Docket Room
901 N. 5th Street
Kansas City, Kansas

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